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Duties of Paiks.

* 553 *Q.*—Sriman M. G. Patnaik Mahasayo: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any record is maintained of the Paiks rendering escort duty or of guarding camps and carrying tapals and messages;

(*b*) how many Paiks are employed on such duty during a year;

(*c*) the earliest period from which Samastanam Paiks are employed on escort duty and in carrying tapals under officers of various departments;

(*d*) whether any Paiks are deputed to escort Deputy Inspectors of Schools who visit schools almost in every village of the division or to carry their tapals;

(*e*) whether there are Samastanam Paiks, Naiks and Sardars in all the Agency tracts of the Ganjam district;

(*f*) whether officers of the several departments require any escorts in Agency tracts where there are no Samastanam Paiks;

(*g*) whether Samastanam Paiks escort postal runners in the Ghumsur division or in the Agency tracts;

(*h*) whether it is the practice for village servants to carry urgent tapals from their own village to the next village and the village servants of that village to the next and so on until the tapals reach their destination and to escort public officers in the same manner from village to village whenever and wherever escort is necessary;

(*i*) whether any Paiks service inams in the Pandakhol Agency were resumed;

(*j*) if so, how the officers are escorted in the Pandakhol Agency;

(*k*) whether the Samastanam Paiks or their substitutes render any personal service to the Tahsildar and his staff at the Taluk stations in the Ghumsur division;

(*l*) whether it is a fact that Sardars, Naiks and Paiks are paid daily batta when on service; and

(*m*) the amount of batta so paid per day and what the annual expenditure incurred on that account is?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*h*) *&* (*j*) *to* (*m*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given to clauses (*a*) and (*b*) of question No. 552. The Government have no other information.

(*i*) The 'Paik' service inams in the Pondakhole Mutta, Surada taluk, Ganjam district, except those situated in the villages of Soroponko and Jatrama, were resumed and fully assessed.

Duties of Samastanam Paiks, Naiks and Sardars.

* 554 *Q.*—Sriman M. G. Patnaik Mahasayo: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that formerly Samastanam Paiks, Naiks and Sardars of Ghumsur division were deputed to serve as guards at salt factories during the manufacturing season;